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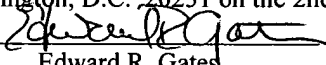
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please add the following new claim:

25. The method of claim 19, wherein the conjugate is administered orally to said mammal, wherein the FcRn binding partner is an IgG Fc fragment and wherein the bioactive substance is a protein or peptide.

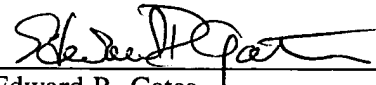
REMARKS

Claims 18-24 are pending. New claim 25 has been added. No new matter has been added. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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